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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 and 12-14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting

directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kreamer (U.S. Patent No. 6,722,689 B2).

Kreamer teaches a flexible seat 50 for attachment to a three-wheeled collapsible jogging stroller, said seat comprising opposing side portions; means 73 coacting with said side portions for enabling attachment of said seat to a main frame of the stroller to span said opposing side portions in free suspension therefrom; a seating portion between said opposing side portions; a leg rest portion between said opposing side portions below said seating portion; and said seat includes transversely extending stiffening means 77 (see column 3, lines 30-34) between said seating portion and said leg rest portion for providing transverse support of said seat, wherein said seat stiffening means is unattached to the frame of said stroller and defines the juncture of said seating portion and said leg rest portion (See Fig. 2, wherein said unattached seat stiffening means collapses along with the fabric of said seat thereby allowing unobstructed collapsing of said stroller, wherein said seat includes attachment means for receiving said stiffening means at the underside of said seat (see Fig. 3), wherein said stiffening means is mated with the fabric of said seat to thereby provide transverse stability to support said seat at the juncture of said seating portion and said leg rest portion, wherein said seat includes means for receiving said stiffening means at the

underside of said seat at the junction of said seating portion and said leg rest portion approximately beneath the knees of the occupant (see Fig. 3), wherein said seat is of unitary one piece flexible material and said seating portion is generally contoured to the anatomy of the occupant.

Claims 1 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (U.S. Patent No. 5,934,757).

Smith teaches a flexible seat 30 for attachment to a three-wheeled collapsible jogging stroller, said seat comprising, opposing side portions; means coacting with said side portions for enabling attachment of said seat to a main frame of the stroller to span said opposing side portions in free suspension therefrom; a seating portion between said opposing side portions; a leg rest portion between said opposing side portions below said seating portion; and said seat includes transversely extending stiffening means (not shown but the well-defined front edge of seat 38 shown in Fig. 1 clearly shows a some type of stiffening means that gives the seat its shape as shown in Fig. 1 and the well-defined front edge of the seat portion 38) between said seating portion and said leg rest portion for providing transverse support of said seat, wherein said stiffening means is mated with the fabric of said seat to thereby provide transverse stability to support said seat at the juncture of said seating portion and said leg rest portion, wherein said seat includes means for receiving said stiffening means at the underside of said seat at the junction of said seating portion and said leg rest portion approximately beneath the knees of the occupant (see Fig. 1), wherein said seat is of

unitary one piece flexible material and said seating portion is generally contoured to the anatomy of the occupant.

Claims 1 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eichorn (U.S. Patent No. 5,590,896).

Eichorn teaches a flexible seat for attachment to a three-wheeled collapsible jogging stroller, said seat comprising, opposing side portions; means coacting with said side portions for enabling attachment of said seat to a main frame of the stroller to span said opposing side portions in free suspension therefrom; a seating portion between said opposing side portions; a leg rest portion 810 between said opposing side portions below said seating portion; and said seat includes transversely extending stiffening means between said seating portion and said leg rest portion for providing transverse support of said seat (the cross bars that connect seat tubes 50,60 in Fig. 1C), wherein said stiffening means is mated with the fabric of said seat to thereby provide transverse stability to support said seat at the juncture of said seating portion and said leg rest portion, wherein said seat includes means for receiving said stiffening means at the underside of said seat at the junction of said seating portion and said leg rest portion approximately beneath the knees of the occupant (see Fig. 1C), wherein said seat is of unitary one piece flexible material and said seating portion is generally contoured to the anatomy of the occupant.

Claims 1 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams (U.S. Patent No. 6,155,628).

Williams teaches a flexible seat for attachment to a three-wheeled collapsible jogging stroller, said seat comprising, opposing side portions; means coacting with said side portions for enabling attachment of said seat to a main frame of the stroller to span said opposing side portions in free suspension therefrom; a seating portion between said opposing side portions; a leg rest portion 810 between said opposing side portions below said seating portion; and said seat includes transversely extending stiffening means between said seating portion and said leg rest portion for providing transverse support of said seat (Fig. 1 clearly shows a legrest extending from the seat portion of the seat of the stroller with a defined edge at the juncture of the seat portion and the legrest), wherein said stiffening means is mated with the fabric of said seat to thereby provide transverse stability to support said seat at the juncture of said seating portion and said leg rest portion, wherein said seat includes means for receiving said stiffening means at the underside of said seat at the junction of said seating portion and said leg rest portion approximately beneath the knees of the occupant wherein said seat is of unitary one piece flexible material and said seating portion is generally contoured to the anatomy of the occupant(see Fig. 1C).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Chen, Schmidlin et al, Eyman et al, Thimmig, Shapiro, Lin, and

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Lan, teach cross bars that can very well be considered "stiffening means", since they are at a "junction" where a legrest may be extend from the seat portion of a stroller though they do not show or specify that the strollers have a legrest. Ziegler et al, Wheeler, III et al, and Sutherland et al, teach stiff edges at a junction where a legrest extends from a seat portion of the stroller but it is not clear how that stiff, defined edge is formed. They could very well be used as 102 art rejections as well.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

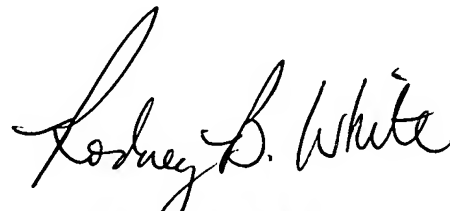


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney B. White whose telephone number is (571) 272-6863. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (571) 272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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